

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # 82A-26Date c. 1720Building Name BellefieldsLocation North side of Duley Station Rd., GroomOpen to Public yes x no

BELLEFIELDS, an early example of a Maryland Georgian country house is composed of a central block of two stories plus attic, flanked by two wings. Built circa 1720 by Dr. Patrick Sim who fled Scotland after the 1715 rebellion to settle in this county where, in 1718, he married Mary, daughter of Thomas and Barbara Dent Brooke, of nearby Brookefield Manor. Colonel Joseph Sim, their oldest son, born here, died on November 27, 1793. He was a justice of the Supreme Court, and one of the Annapolis Assembly which, June 22, 1774, denounced the British closing of Boston Harbor. He represented his county June, 1775, at the Annapolis Convention which framed the Association of Freemen of Maryland. He served in the Convention of Maryland which governed the state at the beginning of the Revolution, and on the first Privy Council of the state, 1777. He was also a member of the General Assembly, 1780.

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(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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| STATE: Maryland | |
| COUNTY: Prince George's | |
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| ENTRY NUMBER | DATE |

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| 1. NAME | |
| COMMON: Bellefields | |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: Sims Delight, Bellefield, Belle Fields | |

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| 2. LOCATION | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: north side of Duley Station Road (13104 Duley Station Road) | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Croom | | | |
| STATE: Maryland | CODE: 24 | COUNTY: Prince George's | CODE: 033 |

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| 3. CLASSIFICATION | | | |
| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) horse farm |

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| 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY | |
| OWNER'S NAME: Mr. and Mrs. John D. Bowling | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: Box 3800 RFD #2 | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro | STATE: Maryland |

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| 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION | |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Prince George's County Courthouse | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 14735 Main Street | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro | STATE: Maryland |

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| 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS | |
| TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks | |
| DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local | |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 94 College Avenue (Post Office Box 1704) | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis | STATE: Maryland |

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COUNTY: Prince George's
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7. DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
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| | <input type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The 163 acre Bellefields estate is located on the north side of Dudley Station Road approximately three miles east of the intersection of Dudley Station Road and U. S. 301 which is roughly 6½ miles south of Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

Bellefields is composed of a central block of two stories plus attic, flanked by two small wings attached on the ends, of which one flanker was originally a school room. Built of Flemish bond with random glazed headers, all of the windows have splayed lintels of gauged-brick. Raised on a brick base, there is a simple water table, and a four-brick belt course above the first story; there are brick steps before the main (south) entrance and a brick entranceway at the north. This appears recent but may actually be an instance of the towered or pavilioned north side, such as on the garden (north) facade of the Paca House in Annapolis. The most conspicuous features are four tall chimney stacks which are on the exterior of the end walls, and there is one bay of windows between the two chimneys at each end. The main facade has five bays, and the wings each have three windows, and a south and north doorway respectively. The wood shingle roof is steeply pitched.

The only alteration appears to be the addition of window shutters. Perhaps shutters were put on the house at the time of erection. If so this would have been an early instance of their use in Maryland.

Pictured in Henry Chandlee Forman's Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland, Bellefields is lacking the original west wing which contained the kitchen pantry and service; thus the extant wing is recently built; also shown is the north entrance porch -- one story only in height.

This early example of a Maryland Georgian country house is symmetrical, of formal proportions but lacks ornamentation other than that formed by the brickwork (lintels, belt course, etc.). The main (south) doorway shows some evidence of change in the brickwork, but there are not indications of pilasters, dentiled cornices, etc. Due to fine condition, Bellefields represents a substantial Maryland house of about 1720.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☒ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c.1720 before 1718, after 1735

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☒ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☒ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry

losophy

local history

☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☒ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art

Architecture

☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bellefields, begun between 1718 and 1735, first belonged to Patrick Sim, a Scottish immigrant. He came to America in 1715 fearing retribution for his role in the unsuccessful Scottish rebellion aimed at returning the Roman Catholic Stuarts to the English throne. He abandoned his Scottish estate "Kilcairn" and took up the original 2000 acre Sim's Delight tract. When he died Patrick Sim willed the house and land to his son, Colonel Joseph Sim (-1793).

From 1769-1793, Colonel Joseph Sim was actively and ideologically sympathetic toward independence for the colonies in America. He joined such men as Charles Carroll of Carrollton -- in the protest against English tariffs, through an Anne Arundel County Association petition (1774), and the ensuing Boston Tea Party. He worked with Thomas Johnson, William Paca and Samuel Chase in their common purposes for the Convention of Maryland, the Maryland Committee of Correspondence (1774-1775), the Council of Maryland (1777); and enjoyed a close relationship with his nephew Thomas Sim Lee, twice Governor of Maryland (1779-1782; 1792-1794). In 1780 Colonel Sim had served a second term in the General Assembly while the Articles of Confederation governed the United States.

In 1779 Colonel Joseph Sim gave his grandson, Joseph Sim, a one-hundred-forty-one acre portion of "Sim's Delight." Patrick Sim, son of Colonel Joseph Sim (-1793), also had obtained another portion of "Sim's Delight" which he subsequently sold to Benjamin Oden in 1794. Five years later Colonel Joseph Sim's grandson, Joseph Sim, relinquished his share of "Sim's Delight" to Benjamin Oden. After assembling the original tract, Oden gave it a new name -- "Bellefields."

Benjamin Oden (1762-1828) made a fortune as the administrator of the mercantile interests of Stephen West, Senior. In 1822 he married, at Bellefields, his second wife Henrietta Waring. Oden's daughter from his first marriage, Eliza Oden, was married at Bellefields on February 8, 1825 to Colonel William Duckett Bowie. William and Eliza Oden Bowie were the

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Recorders: William Morgan, Field Surveyor, Maryland Historical Trust, June 1969.
Beth Grosvenor, Field Surveyor, Maryland Historical Trust, August 1969.
Nancy Miller, Historian, Maryland Historical Trust, October 1969.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | O R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
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| SW | 38° 44' 36.5" | 76° 46' 49.5" | | | | |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 64 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY: | CODE |
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: Mar. 24, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 94 College Avenue (Post Office Box 1704)

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name: Orlando Ridout IV
Title: State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date: APR 1 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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Bellefields

#6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS continued

Historic American Buildings Survey

Library of Congress

Washington, D. C. code: 11

#8. SIGNIFICANCE continued

parents of Governor Oden Bowie (1826-1894, Governor of Maryland from 1869-1872), a member of the Maryland Jockey Club, one of the founders of the Dirner Party Stakes run at Pimlico Race Course (1870) and of the Preakness Stakes.

Eliza Oden Bowie (Mrs. William Bowie) died in 1849. Five years later the widower, William Bowie, remarried; his second bride, Mary Oden, the daughter of Benjamin Oden, was his first wife's half sister.

Shortly after his second wedding in 1854 William Bowie gave his house "Fairview" to his son Oden Bowie. William Bowie and his second bride then moved to Bellefields which Mary Oden Bowie had inherited from her father Benjamin Oden. William Bowie spent the remainder of his life at Bellefields and turned the twelve-hundred acre estate into a famous, productive, Southdown sheep and Hereford cattle farm.

The ownership of Bellefields passed, after William Bowie's death, to his three daughters. In 1891 they sold the property. From that date until the end of the Second World War, Bellefields had five owners. In 1945 John Dominic Bowling purchased Bellefields and one-hundred-sixty acres and maintains a horse farm at Bellefields.

#9. REFERENCES continued

Bowie, Effie Gwynn. Across the Years in Prince George's County. Richmond: Garrett and Massie, 1947.

Bowling, Mrs. John D. Interview and personal records.

Earle, Swepson. Chesapeake Bay Country. Baltimore: Thomas-Ellis, 1923.

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#9. REFERENCES continued

Forman, Henry Chandlee. Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland. Easton, Maryland: the author, 1934.

Prince George's County Schools. "A Research Action Project Devoted to Aspects of the History of Maryland and Prince George's County." typescript. Maryland State Library, Annapolis, Maryland. 1959.

Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Maryland From the Earliest Period to the Present Day. reprint. Hatboro, Pennsylvania: Tradition Press, 1967.

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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| 1. NAME | | | |
| COMMENT: Bellefields | | | |
| AND OR HISTORIC: Sims Delight, Bellefield, Belle Fields | | | |
| 2. LOCATION | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: north side of Du ley Station Road | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Croom | | | |
| STATE: Maryland | CODE 24 | COUNTY: Prince George's | CODE 033 |
| 3. MAP REFERENCE | | | |
| SOURCE: USGS 7.5 minute map; Brandywine Quadrangle, Maryland | | | |
| SCALE: 1: 24 000 | | | |
| DATE: 1956 | | | |
| 4. REQUIREMENTS | | | |
| TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS | | | |
| 1. Property boundaries where required. | | | |
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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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Prince George's

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ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Bellefields

AND/OR HISTORIC: Sims Delight, Bellefield, Belle Fields

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

north side of Du'ley Station Road

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: William Morgan

DATE OF PHOTO: June 1969

NEGATIVE FILED AT: Maryland Historical Trust, 94 College Avenue,
Post Office Box 1704, Annapolis, Maryland 21404

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

south elevation

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BRANDYWINE QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

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BELLEFIELD

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BRANDYWINE QUADRANGLE

USGS 7.5 minute map

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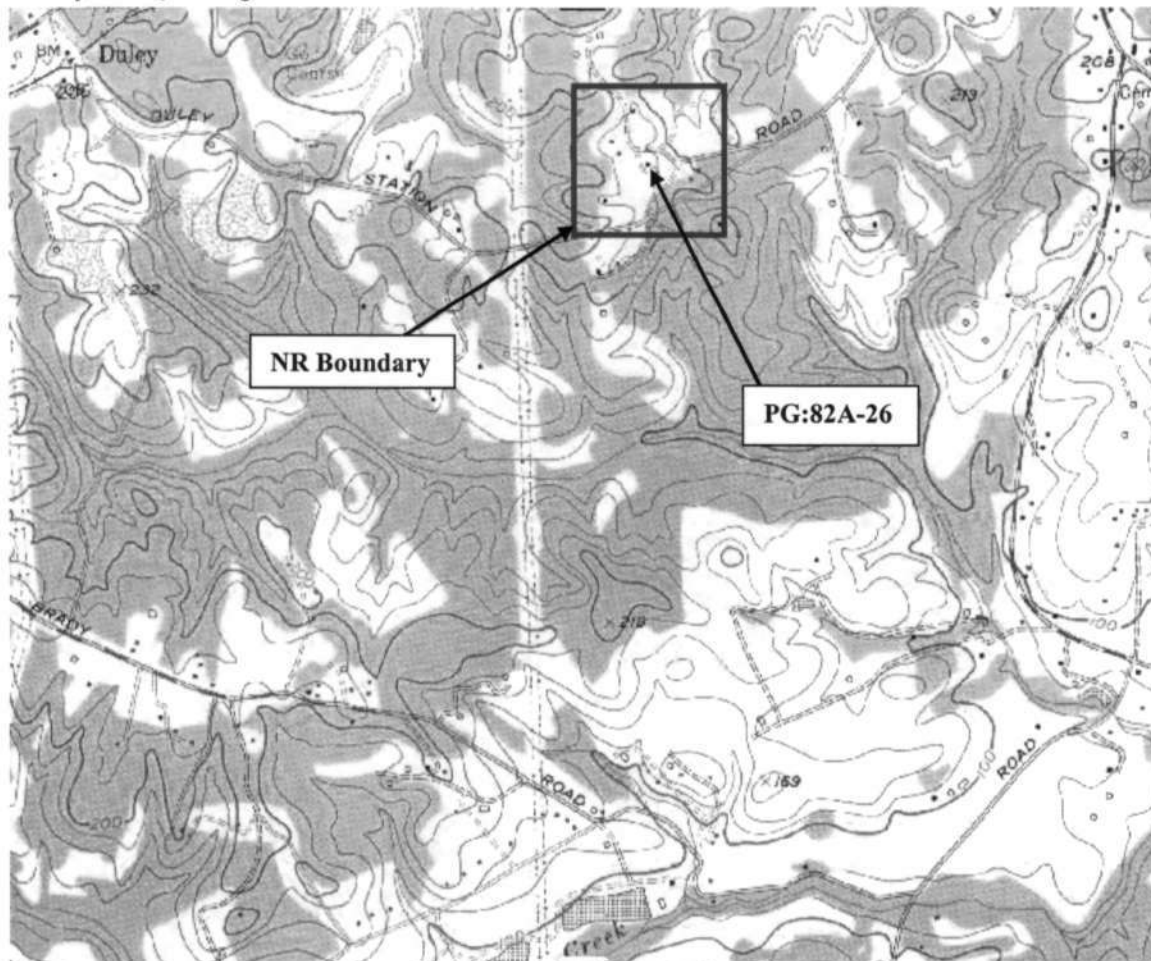
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Bellefields
(Sims Delight, Bellfield)
13104 Duley Station Road
Upper Marlboro
Brandywine Quadrangle



1998 Aerial Photo



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Bellefields
Duley Station Road
Upper Marlboro Vicinity
Prince George's County, Maryland

For additional information, see also:

- Maryland Historical Trust Preservation Easement Property Documentation Survey
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- Architectural drawings and field notes (in flat files)



NAME BELLEFIELDS ~~MASSA~~

LOCATION DULEY STATION Rd CROOM, Md.

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BELLEFIELDS FORMERLY SIM'S DELIGHT

BUILT CA. 1720 BY DR. PATRICK SIM WHO FLED SCOTLAND AFTER THE 1715 REBELLION TO SETTLE IN THIS COUNTY WHERE, 1718. HE MARRIED MARY, DAUGHTER OF THOMAS AND BARBARA DENT BROOKE, OF NEARBY BROOKEFIELD MANOR.

COLONEL JOSEPH SIM, THEIR OLDEST SON, BORN HERE, DIED NOVEMBER 27, 1793. HE WAS A JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, AND ONE OF THE ANNAPOLIS ASSEMBLY WHICH, JUNE 22, 1774, DENOUNCED THE BRITISH CLOSING OF BOSTON HARBOR. HE REPRESENTED HIS COUNTY JUNE, 1775, AT THE ANNAPOLIS CONVENTION WHICH FRAMED THE ASSOCIATION OF FREEMEN OF MARYLAND. HE SERVED IN THE CONVENTION OF MARYLAND WHICH GOVERNED THE STATE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE REVOLUTION, AND ON THE FIRST PRIVY COUNCIL OF THE STATE, 1777. HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1780.

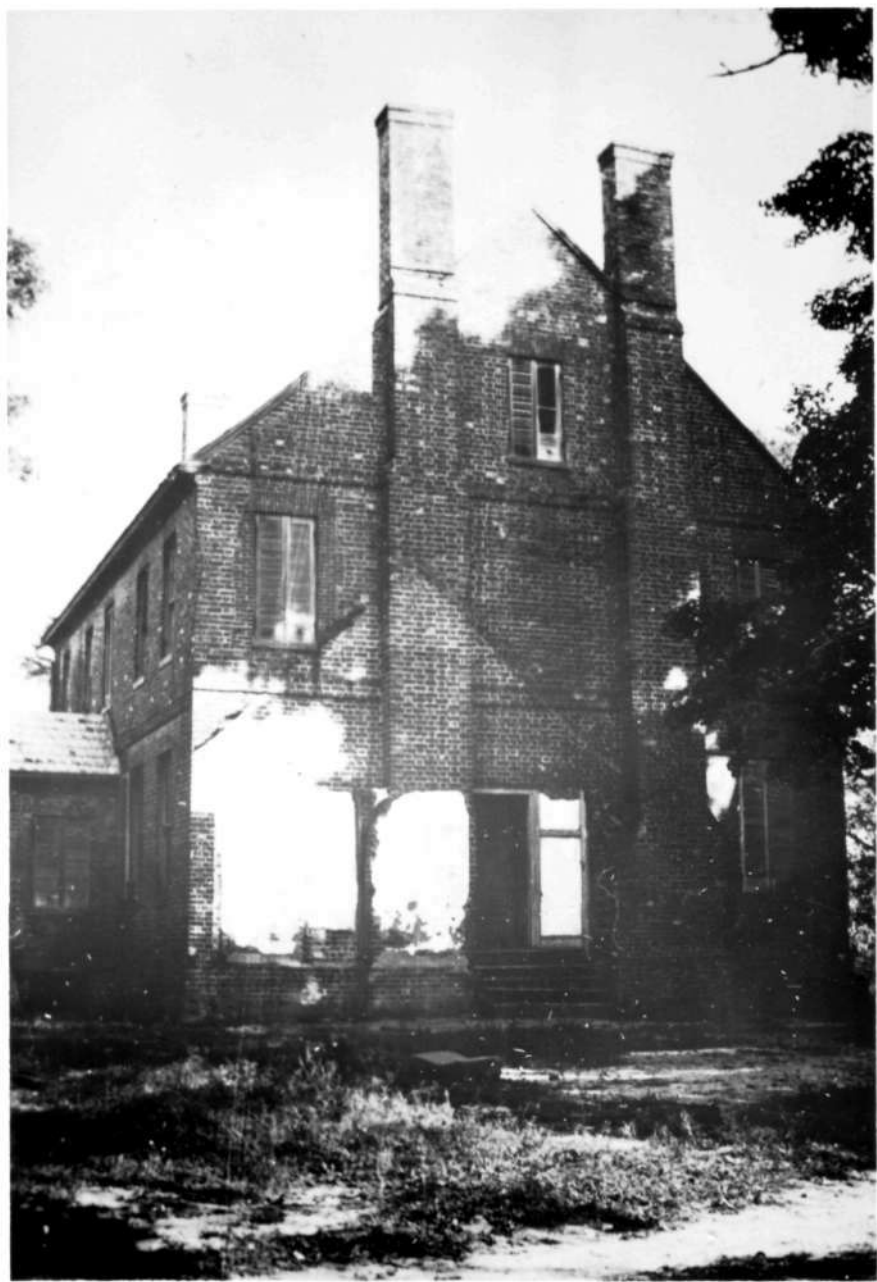
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NAME BELLEFIELDS MARKER

LOCATION DULEY STATION Rd CROOM, Md

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BELLE FIELDS

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Bellefields

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BELLE FIELDS

Before 1945

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| 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY | | | |
| OWNERS NAME: Mr. Mrs. John Bowling | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: RFD #3 Box 3800 | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro | STATE: Maryland | CODE | STATE: |
| 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION | | | |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Prince George's County Courthouse | | | |
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| APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 160 | | | |
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Only alteration appears to be the addition of window shutters (perhaps shutters were put on the house at time of erection, but would have been an early instance of their use in Maryland).

Pictured in Forman's Early Manor Houses (pp 89-90) Bellefields is lacking the west wing which contained the kitchenpantry, and service, thus this wing must be a recent rebuilding; also shown is the north entrance porch — only one story in height.

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Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☒20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☐

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c1720 post 1718 - pre 1735

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☒Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐ArchitectureAgriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Patrick Sims came to America from Scotland in 1715 and probably built Bellefields sometime shortly after 1718 (no later than 1735 - Mrs. Bowling, records). An example of an early Georgian Maryland manor, or country house, Bellefields is symmetrical, of formal proportions, but lacks almost any ornamentation other than that formed by the brickwork (lintels, belt course, etc.). The main (south) doorway shows some evidence of change in the brickwork, but there are no indications of pilasters, dentiled cornices, etc. The wings appear to be almost hyphens for un-built additional wings making up the traditional five part house plan of the mid-Georgian period, but this is partly the result of the tallness of this early building, reflecting the earlier architecture of Maryland and Virginia before the advent of the Palladian country house, and best illustrated in the tall, exterior chimney stacks. Due to fine condition, Bellefields represents a substantial Maryland house of about 1720.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Swepson Earle, The Chesapeake Bay Country 1923

Pamphlet prepared by Mrs. Bowling on "St. Thomas' of Croome"

Henry Chandlee Forman, Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland
1934 pp 89-90

Mrs. John Bowling, Bellefields, Croom, Md.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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| NAME AND TITLE: <u>William Morgan</u> | | |
| ORGANIZATION <u>University of Delaware</u> | DATE <u>June 3, 1969</u> | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Department of Art History</u> | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: <u>Newark</u> | STATE <u>Delaware</u> | CODE |

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____


ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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| 1. STATE Md. COUNTY PG TOWN STREET NO. Duley Station Rd. near Duley VICINITY #79 ORIGINAL OWNER Sim & Duvall(?) ORIGINAL USE priv dwell PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE same WALL CONSTRUCTION brick NO. OF STORIES 2 1/2 | | HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY 2. NAME Bellefield DATE OR PERIOD orig. 1720 period STYLE (1735, Forman) ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE | |
| 4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC Gutted by fire in 1720? Restored in 1840-1850. Double chimneys on each end, & one-half set in walls. Hal small wing on east and west ends. well in rear excell.cond. owner stated building not burned, but built in 1720, abandoned in early 20th, rebuilt 1930's wings had fallen down and were replaced with brick from Wmsbrg. Also called "SIN'S DELIGHT" (DFR) HABS - 3 photos | | | |
| 5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior | | | |
| 6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)  | | 7. PHOTOGRAPH Color # 943 | |
| 8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. Forman, Early Mayor, 1934, pg 83, 89 Earle Bowie, 248, 605, 607, 763, 764, 766 Rinn, Survey, p 52 | | 9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER DATE OF RECORD | |

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